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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON LOS ISSUES

REFS: (A) GENEVA 3404; (B) STATE 140400; AND  
(C) STATE 139420.

1. FRENCH DEPUTY LOS NEGOTIATOR ROGER JEANNEL  
(LEGAL DIVISION, MFA) TOLD US JUNE 18 THAT FRENCH  
PROPOSAL FOR LIMITED MEMBERSHIP LOS TREATIES FLOATED  
BY DELACHARIERRE IN GENEVA (REF A) WAS NOT YET OFFICIAL  
GOF POLICY, BUT HE EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD SOON BECOME  
SUCH. HE SAID THAT GOF DOES NOT BELIEVE COMPREHENSIVE  
LOS CONVENTION POSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE IN NEAR FUTURE  
(THOUGH IT POSSIBLE IN TIME) AND THAT GOF SEEKING  
MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS AND  
THOSE OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN SPECIFIC FIELDS,  
WHILE AT SAME TIME LEAVING DOOR OPEN TO BROADER SETTLE-  
MENT WHEN AND IF POSSIBLE. DELACHARIERRE'S PROPOSAL  
HAS BEEN FORWARDED FOR GOF POLITICAL-LEVEL CLEARANCE,  
JEANNEL SAID, WHICH HE EXPECTED WILL BE GIVEN SOON AS  
THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO ADMINISTRATIVE OR POLITICAL  
PRESSURE TO THE CONTRARY. JEANNEL NOTED THAT MFA FEELS  
THIS APPROACH SHOULD COMPLEMENT LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND  
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NOT REPLACE THEM. COMMENT: GOF'S ALREADY LOW

ENTHUSIASM FOR COMPREHENSIVE LOS CONVENTION WILL  
UNDOUBTEDLY DIMINISH FURTHER OVER NEXT MONTHS IF THIS  
PROPOSED NEGOTIATING STRATEGY ADOPTED.

2. JEANNEL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROPOSED ARTICLE 53  
TALKS ON EAST PACIFIC FISHERIES ARRANGEMENT (REF C)  
AND SAID GOF WOULD BE READY TO PARTICIPATE. NOTING  
THAT THIS APPROACH FIT IN WITH CURRENT FRENCH THINKING,  
HE SAID GOF BELIEVED SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE  
LAUNCHED FOR BROAD RANGE OF NORTH ATLANTIC FISHERIES  
QUESTIONS.

3. JEANNEL AGREED TO CONTINUATION OF EVENSEN GROUP  
INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS (REF B) AND WITH USG DESIRE TO  
AVOID DISCUSSION ON STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGOS. HE SAID  
HE WOULD PREFER TALKS TO BE HELD IN EUROPE, PROBABLY  
GENEVA.  
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